

## Debates in House of Lords.

### No Prohibition on Jewish Land Purchase.

Special Cable to the Zionist Record.  
London, December 3rd.

The Government does not intend to prohibit Jewish purchase of land as the inalienable property of the Jewish people or to forbid the exclusive employment of Jewish labourers on the land, Lord Passfield declared in to-day's debate in the House of Lords, thus clearly retreating from the step it was intended to take on the basis of the White Paper.

Lord Passfield, speaking in a more friendly manner, pointed out that there were also other communities in Palestine which were entitled to purchase land, and that restrictions against certain classes of labourer also existed in other countries without any Government interference.

Lord Islington, in his question, pointed out that the grave state of affairs in Palestine was due to expropriation of Arabs; Lord Danesford, who supported Lord Islington, adding that if the P.I.C.A. introduced similar restrictions against Arab labourers the position of the latter would be seriously endangered and give rise to discontent leading to danger of disorder.

Lord Reading reminded Lord Islington that the Jews were going to Palestine on the basis of the Balfour Declaration, and settling on land purchased by voluntary contributions. He denied that there was expropriation, ridiculing the right of the Arab to sell voluntarily land and receive other land in exchange. Finally, he appealed for the necessity of peace in Palestine between both nationalities forming one community.

### JEWISH EX-SERVICE LEAGUE.

#### Successful Cabaret.

The first annual cabaret organised by the South African Jewish Ex-Servicemen's League on Tuesday evening at the Carlton Hotel proved most successful and over 400 people attended. By kind permission of the African Theatres, Ltd., there were several cabaret turns during the evening and Vivienne Tailleux's troupe of dancers gave much appreciated items.

The committee responsible for the organisation of the function was composed of the following: Mesdames A. Perlman, A. Klipin, Tren, J. Stodel, Manne, Kope, G. Nathanson, I. J. Salomon, J. Bowman, Miss D. Rigal and Mr. G. S. Kope (President), Mr. M. Summerfield (Vice-President), Mr. S. Horwitz (Hon. Secretary), and Messrs. J. Stodel, A. Klipin, B. Metter, R. Tren, B. Manne and Dr. Bloch.

The proceeds of the dance will be devoted to the fund for needy Jewish ex-servicemen and their families.

#### A VOCAL RECITAL.

Miss Annie Cohen, who possesses an extremely fine soprano voice, will give a vocal recital at the Grand National Hotel on Saturday, December 6th at 8.15 p.m.

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### MR. KIRSCHNER IN BENONI.

#### The Quota Position and British Policy in Palestine.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the United Hebrew Institution at Benoni on Sunday night, Mr. N. Kirschner, president, said that the Quota Act had made Jews in South Africa feel unwanted despite the fact that no section of the community was more loyal or had given more wholeheartedly towards the building up of a greater South Africa.

Mr. Kirschner said it was clear that the present British Government had committed a breach of faith in its Palestine policy. It was the duty of Jewry to remain steadfast and true to their ideals and they hoped that the inherent sense of justice of the British people would prevent their Government from breaking a solemn promise.

Referring to the British policy regarding Palestine, Mr. Kirschner said that if it was to remain the policy of the Government, it was a reversal of the promise in the Balfour Declaration and a misinterpretation of the intentions of the Mandate. The opinions expressed by statesmen in South Africa and England, who were either party to the issue of the Balfour Declaration or to the administering of the Mandate, made it clear that the present British Government had committed a breach of faith. It was impossible to say what the ultimate result would be, but all effort was being directed by Jewry all over towards the bringing about of a reversal of this policy. It was their duty in this difficult hour to remain steadfast and true to their ideals, and to hope that the inherent justice of the British people would prevent the Government from breaking a solemn promise.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. N. Kirschner, President; Mr. M. Oschry, Vice-President; Mr. A. Lomey, Treasurer.

Council: Messrs. S. Cohen, L. Cohen, J. J. Fine, J. Fredman, H. Glauber, N. Jacobson, M. Kahanovitz, M. Kaplan, G. Kobrin, A. J. Levy, A. B. Levy, H. Levy, Ch. Miller, M. Raisen, Dr. C. B. Shapiro, W. Shames.

#### "MOONSHINE."

On Monday next, Mr. Charles Heslop, the popular comedian, will present the new revue "Moonshine," at the Empire Theatre, Johannesburg. The production will include the Moonshine Jazz Band and the Moonshine Dancing Girls. The leading lady of the revue is Miss Joan Davis, who has come to this country with a great reputation as a splendid revue artist in Europe.

The revue will be on a lavish scale and Empire patrons can be assured of a most enjoyable evening at the Empire for many nights to come.

#### HEBREW SPEAKING CIRCLE (Johannesburg).

On Saturday evening, Miss Ben Jacob gave an interesting lecture on the upbuilding of Palestine in the light of recent events. There was a good attendance over which Mr. Kreitzman presided.

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